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RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

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Sir:

This communication is responsive to the restriction requirement set forth in the Office Action mailed on May 29, 2008. While the shortened statutory period for response has expired, filed herewith is a Petition for a two (2) month extension of time to extend the period for response to <u>August 29, 2008</u>. Accordingly, this response is timely filed.

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